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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to file a response to an April 23, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified patent application. With the extension, this Response must be filed on or before October 23, 2003. The fee for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) is \$950.00. Accordingly, applicants enclose a check in the amount of \$950.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3).

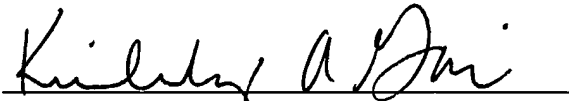
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In the accompanying Transmittal Letter (transmitted herewith in duplicate), the Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any over payment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075.

Respectfully submitted,

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